

Rhymed Review

The Financier

(By Theodore Dreiser. Harper & Brothers.)

This Work—and, say, it's pretty good—
 Concerns the egotistic mania
 Of Mr. Frank A. Cowperwood
 Of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

A pleasant chap, when all is told,
 Urbane, resolved, by Fate undaunted,
 Unmoral, winsome, selfish, bold,
 He took whatever things he wanted.

He married young. With wondrous ease
 He gathered pelf, for none was subtler,
 His lawful consort ceased to please—
 He fell in love with Aileen Butler.

She loved him, too. They met by stealth.
 Aileen's papa, a politician
 Of influence and ample wealth,
 At length was filled with dark sus-
 picion;

And when he learned the truth, he
 vowed
 That Cowperwood—the devil take
 him!—
 Should pay the most that law allowed,
 And quickly found a way to break
 him.

Then, having made our hero fail,
 Old Butler took a fiercer pleasure

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In prosecuting Frank to jail
 For making free with city treasure.

Old Butler died. They let Frank go;
 And now there came a lucky panic;
 By selling short and buying low
 He won a fortune aldermanic.

His injured wife perceived 'twas best
 To cut their marriage bond asunder,
 He wed Aileen, they went out West
 And in Chicago rolled in plunder.

But wait!—To save our moral health
 This Epilogue the Author flashes:
 That Lawless Love and Tainted Wealth
 Proved, in the end, but Dust and
 Ashes!

He moralizes somewhat more
 With broodings neither wise nor
 weighty.
 The book is good, I said before;
 The pages number seven-eighty.
 Arthur Guiterman.